

RESEARCH AND TESTING

THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE POWER TO:

(1) COLLECT, CORRELATE, ANALYZE AND EVALUATE INFORMATION RESULTING OR DERIVABLE FROM RESEARCH AND TESTING ACTIVITIES IN EQUIPMENT AND RELATED FIELDS.

(2) RECOMMEND AND ENCOURAGE THE UNDERTAKING OF RESEARCH AND TESTING IN ANY ASPECT OF EQUIPMENT OR RELATED MATTERS WHEN, IN ITS JUDGMENT, APPROPRIATE OR SUFFICIENT RESEARCH OR TESTING HAS NOT BEEN UNDERTAKEN.

(3) CONTRACT FOR SUCH EQUIPMENT RESEARCH AND TESTING AS ONE OR MORE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES MAY AGREE TO HAVE CONTRACTED FOR BY THE COMMISSION, PROVIDED THAT SUCH GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY OR AGENCIES SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE THE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR SUCH RESEARCH AND TESTING.

(4) RECOMMEND TO THE PARTY STATES CHANGES IN LAW OR POLICY WITH EMPHASIS ON UNIFORMITY OF LAWS AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, REGULATIONS OR CODES WHICH WOULD PROMOTE EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENTAL ACTION OR COORDINATION IN THE PREVENTION OF EQUIPMENT-RELATED HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS OR THE MITIGATION OF EQUIPMENT-RELATED HIGHWAY SAFETY PROBLEMS.

ARTICLE V

VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT

(A) IN THE INTEREST OF VEHICULAR AND PUBLIC SAFETY, THE COMMISSION MAY STUDY THE NEED FOR OR DESIRABILITY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OR CHANGES IN PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS OR RESTRICTIONS FOR ANY ITEM OF EQUIPMENT. AS A RESULT OF SUCH STUDY, THE COMMISSION MAY PUBLISH A REPORT RELATING TO ANY ITEM OR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT, AND THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH A REPORT SHALL BE A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO ANY PROCEEDINGS OR OTHER ACTION PROVIDED OR AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE. NO LESS THAN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF A REPORT CONTAINING THE RESULTS OF SUCH STUDY, THE COMMISSION UPON DUE NOTICE SHALL HOLD A HEARING OR HEARINGS AT SUCH PLACE OR PLACES AS IT MAY DETERMINE.

(B) FOLLOWING THE HEARING OR HEARINGS PROVIDED FOR IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS ARTICLE, AND WITH DUE REGARD FOR STANDARDS RECOMMENDED BY APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL ASSOCIATIONS AND AGENCIES, THE COMMISSION MAY ISSUE RULES, REGULATIONS OR CODES EMBODYING PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS OR RESTRICTIONS FOR ANY ITEM OR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT COVERED IN THE REPORT, WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE COMMISSION WILL BE FAIR AND EQUITABLE AND EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS COMPACT.

(C) EACH PARTY STATE OBLIGATES ITSELF TO GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO ANY AND ALL RULES, REGULATIONS AND CODES ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION AND HEREBY DECLARES ITS POLICY